

The OLD GLORY Story

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EVER SINCE KING SOLOMON BUILT GALLEYS-OF-WAR FROM THE CEDARS OF LEBANON, THERE HAVE BEEN SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT AS MARINES, BOTH AT SEA AND ON LAND. EARLY PHENICIANS, PERSIANS, ROMANS, AND GREEKS HAD SEAGOING INFANTRIES, AND VIKINGS WERE SOLDIERS OF THE SEA.



REGIMENTS OF AMERICAN MARINES WERE RAISED AS EARLY AS 1740 TO SERVE WITH THE BRITISH MARINE CORPS IN THE WEST INDIES.

WHEN THE REVOLUTION BEGAN, MANY COLONIES ORGANIZED THEIR OWN MARINE CORPS TO FIGHT WITH THEIR SMALL NAVIES FOR LIBERTY.



NO SOONER HAD CONGRESS ORDERED A MARINE CORPS ORGANIZED, NOV. 10, 1775, THAN DRUMMING UP VOLUNTEERS BEGAN IN PHILADELPHIA. AND THE RATTLESNAKE, SEEN ON MANY REVOLUTIONARY FLAGS, DECORATED THE DRUMS.



ADVENTUROUS YOUNG MEN WERE BROUGHT INTO TUN TAVERN TO ENJOY STEAK AND ALE, WHILE THEY HEARD THE GLORIES OF BEING A FIGHTING MARINE FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM UNDER AN AMERICAN FLAG. THE MARINE HOST, ROBERT MULLAN, HELPED RECRUIT.



SO DID CAPT. SAMUEL NICHOLAS. HIS IS THE OLDEST EXISTING COMMISSION OF AN OFFICER IN THE AMERICAN MARINE CORPS.



AMERICA'S NEW MARINES CAME ABOARD SHIPS OF THE FIRST CONTINENTAL NAVY, CAPTAIN NICHOLAS LEADING 60 ONTO THE FLAGSHIP ALFRED UNDER THE GRAND UNION FLAG AND TWO RATTLESNAKE BANNERS. THEY SAILED IN FEBRUARY, 1776, AS AMERICA'S FIRST EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

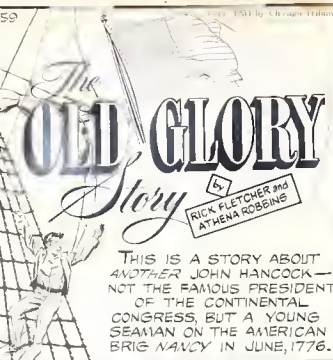
NEXT WEEK: THE MARINES HAVE LANDED.

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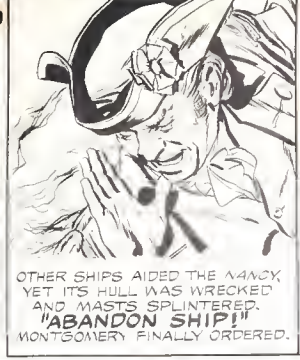
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THIS IS A STORY ABOUT ANOTHER JOHN HANCOCK — NOT THE FAMOUS PRESIDENT OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, BUT A YOUNG SEAMAN ON THE AMERICAN BRIG *NANCY* IN JUNE, 1776.

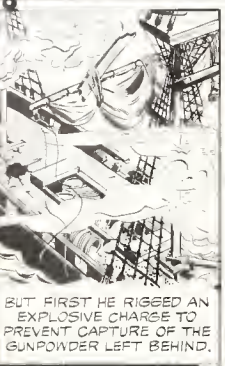



BACK FROM THE WEST INDIES, LOADED WITH PRECIOUS AMMUNITION FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM, THE *NANCY* APPROACHED DELAWARE BAY. BUT THE BRITISH CLOSED IN TO ATTACK.

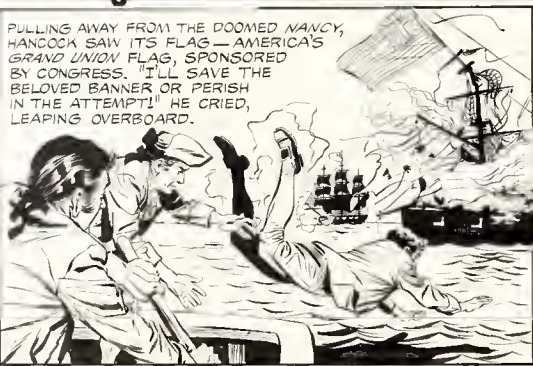
WOULD HIS MEN BE WILLING TO CARRY THE GUNPOWDER ASHORE IN SMALL BOATS? ASKED CAPT. HUGH MONTGOMERY. ALL HURRIED TO TAKE LOAD AFTER LOAD TO SAFETY.

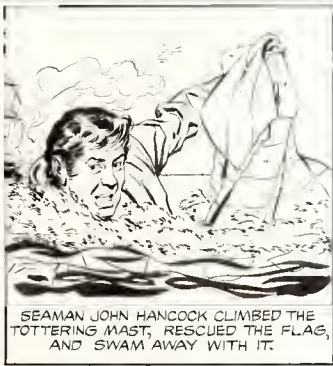
OTHER SHIPS AIDED THE *NANCY*, YET ITS HULL WAS WRECKED AND MASTS SPLINTERED. "ABANDON SHIP!" MONTGOMERY FINALLY ORDERED.



BUT FIRST HE RIGGED AN EXPLOSIVE CHARGE TO PREVENT CAPTURE OF THE GUNPOWDER LEFT BEHIND.



PULLING AWAY FROM THE DOOMED *NANCY*, HANCOCK SAW ITS FLAG — AMERICA'S *GRAND UNION* FLAG, SPONSORED BY CONGRESS. "I'LL SAVE THE BELOVED BANNER OR PERISH IN THE ATTEMPT!" HE CRIED, LEAPING OVERBOARD.



SEAMAN JOHN HANCOCK CLIMBED THE TOTTERING MAST, RESCUED THE FLAG, AND SWAM AWAY WITH IT.



THEN THE BRITISH BOARDED THE *NANCY*, THINKING THE REMOVAL OF THE FLAG MEANT SURRENDER. BUT WITH A SHATTERING EXPLOSION THE SHIP DISAPPEARED IN A CLOUD OF SMOKE.

NEXT WEEK:
DAY OF DECISION.

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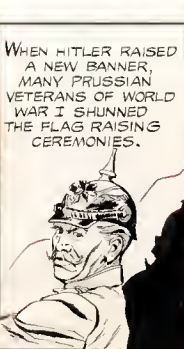
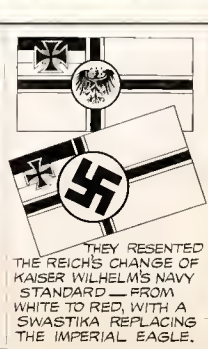
FLAG FACTS and FABLES

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THANKS TO — COMMANDER E. F. McDONALD, JR. CHICAGO, ILL.



WHEN HITLER RAISED A NEW BANNER, MANY PRUSSIAN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I SHUNNED THE FLAG RAISING CEREMONIES.

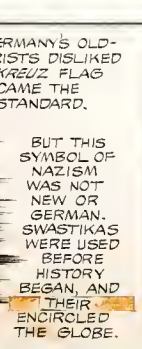



THEY RESENTED THE REICH'S CHANGE OF KAISER WILHELM'S NAVY STANDARD — FROM WHITE TO RED, WITH A SWASTIKA REPLACING THE IMPERIAL EAGLE.

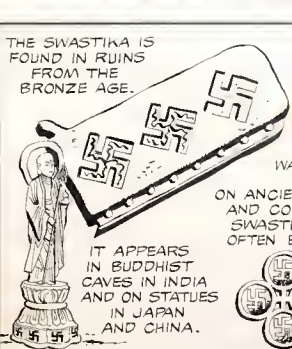


MOST OF GERMANY'S OLD-TIME MILITARISTS DISLIKED THE *HAKENKREUZ* FLAG WHICH BECAME THE NATIONAL STANDARD.

BUT THIS SYMBOL OF NAZISM WAS NOT NEW OR GERMAN. SWASTIKAS WERE USED BEFORE HISTORY BEGAN, AND THEIR ENCIRCLED THE GLOBE.



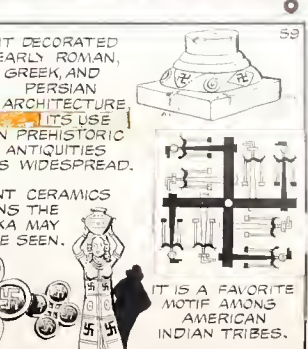
THE SWASTIKA IS FOUND IN RUINS FROM THE BRONZE AGE.



IT APPEARS IN BUDDHIST CAVES IN INDIA AND ON STATUES IN JAPAN AND CHINA.

IT DECORATED EARLY ROMAN, GREEK, AND PERSIAN ARCHITECTURE. ITS USE IN PREHISTORIC ANTIQUITIES WAS WIDESPREAD.

ON ANCIENT CERAMICS AND COINS THE SWASTIKA MAY OFTEN BE SEEN.



IT IS A FAVORITE MOTIF AMONG AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES.

OLD GLORY at the CROSSROADS



1861-1865

by
BICK FLETCHER and
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GENERAL GRANT WARES THIS ORDER TO 'OLD PA' THOMAS, THE UNION'S NEW COMMANDER OF THE ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND...
"CHATTANOOGA MUST BE HELD,"
AND THOMAS REPLIES...

"... UNTIL
I'M STARVED!"



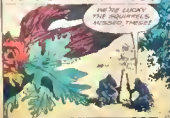
BOLDED IN THAT TENNESSEE CITY, THOMAS' ARMY IS BESIEGED BY GEN BRAXTON BRAGG... IN OCTOBER, 1863, CONFEDERATES ARE ENTRENCHED ALONG AUSSAUNARY RIDGE AND ATOP LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN.



THOUSANDS OF THE UNION'S HORSES AND MULES DIE OF HUNGER! THE ANIMALS DESPERATELY GRAB DOWN SADDLES AND HIDING POSTS, AND EVEN TRY TO EAT HAMBORS.

NO SUPPLY LINES REACH CHATTANOOGA!

"WE'RE LUCKY
THE SQUIRRELS
MISSED THESE!"



RATIONS ARE SO SLIM THAT SOLDIERS RISK BULLETS OR CONFEDERATE PICKETS TO HUNT ACORNS TO ROAST.

PRESIDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS, VISITING HIS CONFEDERATE TROOPS, LOOKS DOWN ON THE BESIEGED FEDERALS AND MAKES A PROMISE...

"BEFORE ANOTHER
WEEK, THAT ARMY
IS MY OWN!"



ALTHOUGH SKINNED BY A FALL, GRANT IS ON HIS WAY TO HELP THOMAS... "THE ROCK OF CHATTANOOGA," HEARS CHATTANOOGA, HE SEES CARCASSES OF MANY STUNNED ANIMALS.

HEY WEL! "THE CRACKER LINE!"

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DICK REEDER and
ATHENA ROMANO



A BOLD CONFEDERATE CAVALRY RAID IN INDIANA AND OHIO, LED BY GEN. JOHN HUNT MORGAN, ENDS AFTER MICHIGAN AND INDIANA TROOPERS SCATTER HIS COLUMNS. THE FEDERALS CLOSE IN.



... AND MORGAN SURRENDERS... JULY 26, 1863 ALONG WITH SOME OF HIS OFFICERS, MORGAN IS IMPRISONED IN THE OHIO STATE PENITENTIARY.



PLANNING A PRISON BREAK THEY START CUTTING THROUGH THE FLOOR WITH CALVEY NAILS—NOV. 4, CAPT. THOMAS K. WILES PATCHES AT HIS CELL'S DOOR WHILE OTHERS DIG INTO AN AIR CHAMBER.



TUNNELING CONTINUES... ON THRU THE FOUNDATION WALL, AND INTO CELLS OF OTHERS WHO WERE TO ESCAPE. GENERAL MORGAN'S BROTHER DICK MAKES A BED-TICKING ROPE, AND A HOOK FROM A STOVE FINDER.



MONEY FOR THE ESCAPE ARRIVES, HIDDEN IN A BOOK. SO ON THE NIGHT OF NOV. 17, MORGAN AND SIX OFFICERS GO SAFELY OVER THE PRISON WALL.

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 BICK KITCHEN and
ATHENA DOWNS

AMID CAPTURED CANNON, FEDERAL TROOPS CELEBRATE THEIR VICTORY IN THE BATTLE OF CHATTANOOGA. WHILE BRASS'S CONFEDERATES RETREAT TO GEORGIA, WITH THE REAR GUARD STILL RESISTING.



PRESIDENT LINCOLN WRITES CONGRATULATIONS TO GRANT, BUT ADDS... "REMEMBER BURNSIDE"



BESIEGED IN KNOXVILLE, TENN., GENERAL BURNSIDE IS DETERMINED TO HOLD OUT AGAINST ASSAULTS BY GENERAL LONGSTREET'S CONFEDERATES



SO GRANT SENDS SHERMAN TO HELP DEFEND KNOXVILLE, AND THE ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE PUSHES FORWARD AT A FURIOUS PACE



BUT LONGSTREET HOPES TO TAKE KNOXVILLE BEFORE BURNSIDE'S REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE! HIS VETERANS ATTACK FORT SANDERS, AN UNFURNISHED BATHHOUSE... NOV. 15, 1863.



SOME SOUTHERN FLAGS ARE PLANTED ON THE PARAPET NEXT DAY! BUT A RAZE OF BULLETS ENLIGHTENS THE ATTACKERS... AND HUNDREDS FALL INTO A DEEP DITCH BEFORE THE FORT



CHATTANOOGA'S RAILROAD CONNECTIONS ARE RESTORED... BUT THE FIRST SUPPLY TRAIN BRINGS KNOXVILLE'S HUNGRY SOLDIERS ONLY HORSESHOES!

MAY 1962... MAY 1962

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NO NICKER IN
ATHLETIC COMBAT

EARLY IN THE WAR, GENERAL GRANT MARCHED INTO PADUCAH, KY., WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT AND RAISED THE UNION FLAG OVER ITS COURTHOUSE — SEPT. 6, 1861.



GEN. NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST KNOWS THAT THIS IMPORTANT RIVER PORT, WHERE THE TENNESSEES JOIN THE OHIO WOULD BE A GREAT PRIZE FOR THE CONFEDERACY AS A SUPPLY DEPOT.



... AND PART OF THAT SOUTHERN CAVALRY LEADER'S DESPERATE EFFORT TO BLOCK THE FLOW OF SUPPLIES TO UNION ARMIES IS A FIERCE ATTACK ON PADUCAH — MARCH 23, 1864.



AGAIN AND AGAIN FEDERAL DEFENDERS OF FORT HENDERSON, AIDED BY GUNBOATS ON THE RIVER, BEAT BACK ASSAULTS BY FORREST'S TROOPERS AND BY CONFEDERATE CANNON.

WHEN AMMUNITION IS NEARLY GONE, THE FORT'S COMMANDER SHOUTS AN ORDER WHICH IS CHEERED BY HIS MEN.



BUT HE HOLDS PADUCAH FOR ABOUT TEN HOURS, BURNING FEDERAL STORES, DOCKS, AND A STEAMER AND HE CAPTURES SUPPLIES AND HORSES FOR THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.

NOT WILD UP AND AWAKE

DANIEL BOONE

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ALL PATHEON
AT HOME



TO THEIR NEW KENTUCKY HOME — BOONE'S BROTHER, A FUGITIVE FROM JAMESON'S MURDER — DANIEL BROUGHT REBECCA AND THEIR CHILDREN. THERE THEY HEARD THE NEWS OF A GREAT AMERICAN VICTORY IN TEXAS.



BUT HAY DRUGS STILL BEAT ON THE FRONTIER. FROM THERE TO THERE WENT DROVES FROM BATHING DETROIT TO WINE OUT THE SETTLEMENTS IN A GREAT FINAL BLOW.



FOLLOWING THE ATTACKERS OF BATHING, SCOTCH, BRIDGES, BECK, AND OTHERS, THE INDIANS WERE NOT CONCERNED WITH THEM.



BECAUSE BOONE COULD THINK HEAVEN HE WOULD TRAVEL THROUGH THE FRONTIERMEN IF THEY WERE BATHING LONG TIME, BUT HE WAS OVERLOOKED.



AMBUSH!

HOPKINS ON BATHING STRONG FROM BATHING ACROSS THE RIVER, AND OVERLOOKED THE FRONTIERMEN IN A BITTER BATTLE, BOONE'S SON, SCOTCH, WAS KILLED AS HE WOULD FOR THE MORE BATHING.

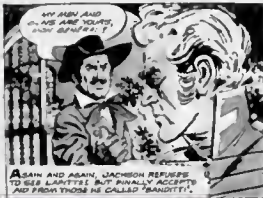
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PARADE FROM.

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 RECAP: JACKSON'S
 STRONGHOLD



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Will Jean Lapitte and his band of buccaneers help the British attack New Orleans?



He will consider their offer of great rewards for helping destroy that fine city. Lapitte politely tells the British officers.



But Lapitte's fierce baratar named for the bay which borders the island have do not realize their leader's playing a wait his game.



Lapitte knows that Louisiana's governor, William C. Claiborne, is offering a big prize for his capture.



...yet he sends Governor Claiborne the documents revealing British plans. All his ships and 1,000 men are ready to help save New Orleans from the expected attack, he promises!



Lapitte's warning of a British invasion and his offer to aid Americans are sent to Jackson... who turns his horse toward New Orleans.

NEXT WEEK:
A MEETING

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 JACK FLETCHER PRESENTS
 AT HIS HOME



THE BRITISH HAVE LANDED GENERAL — THEY ARE BUT EIGHT MILES FROM NEW ORLEANS!

I WILL SMASH THEM!



SILENTLY JACKSON MOVED WITH HIS ADVANCE GUARD TO THE RODRIGUEZ CANAL... AND THE BRITISH CAMPFIRE IS ONLY TWO MILES AWAY!



HOLD YOUR FIRE! LET OUR SHIP OPEN THE ATTACK...

SCREENED BY FOG, THE SCHOONER CAROL GUIDES NEAR... AND THEN SURPRISES THE BRITISH LINES WITH A RAGING BOMBARDMENT.



CHARGE!

NOW JACKSON THRUSTS FORWARD WITH HIS INFANTRY TO MEET THE REDCOATS



'SAVE THE GUNS, MY BOYS!' SHOUTS JACKSON, AS HIS MEN LOSE GROUND... AND THEN QUICKLY THEY RALLY

SO 'OLD HICKORY' LOSES NEITHER HIS CANNON NOR THIS NIGHT'S BATTLE



BUT NO KNOWING THERE IS NO MORE BATTLES AND JACKSON'S MEN ARE IN A STATE OF DEFEAT... A NEW BATTLE...

NEXT WEEK: 'OLD HICKORY'

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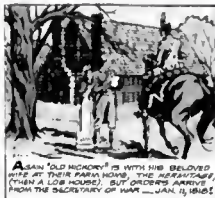
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SCALP HUNTERS AND
ATHEIST ROBBER



AS AKAKE THE WAY HOME TO NASHVILLE
STAYING IN THE MALL JACKSON—
THE HERO OF NEW ORLEANS



ASAIN 'OLD HICKORY' IS WITH HIS BELOVED
WIFE AT THEIR FARM HOME, THE HERMITAGE,
(THEN A LUG HOUSE), BUT ORDERS ARRIVE
FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR — JAN. 11, 1816!



SEMINOLE
RAIDED AN
ARMY AND
MARCHED TO
THE SHORES
OF FLORIDA!

ARMED
SEMINOLE
RAIDED OUR
SOUTHERN
PLANTATIONS
AND
KILLED OUR
SOLDIERS
AND THE
ENGLISH
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THE NOBLES



FRIENDLY
CREEKS
WITH THEIR
HAIR-BRED?
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AND JACKSON BUILT A FORT AT MARLBOROUGH
RAISING THE AMERICAN FLAG TO REPLACE
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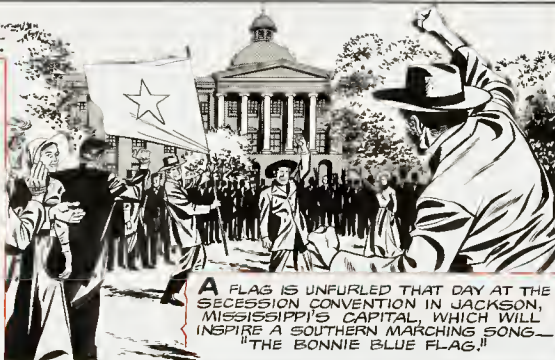
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NEXT WEEK:
FLORIDA OURS!

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TIMES ARE TENSE, IN JANUARY, 1861! MAJOR ANDERSON KEEPS REFUSING SOUTH CAROLINA'S DEMANDS TO SURRENDER FORT SUMTER, AND MISSISSIPPI IS THE SECOND STATE TO SECEDE—JANUARY 9.



A FLAG IS UNFURLED THAT DAY AT THE SECESSION CONVENTION IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI'S CAPITAL, WHICH WILL INSPIRE A SOUTHERN MARCHING SONG—"THE BONNIE BLUE FLAG."

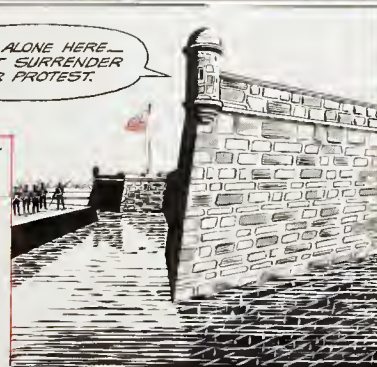
WE CAN STOP ANY SHIP THAT TRIES TO PASS!

MISSISSIPPI'S GOVERNOR ORDERS AN ARTILLERY BATTERY TO RUSH TO VICKSBURG, AND BLOCK THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

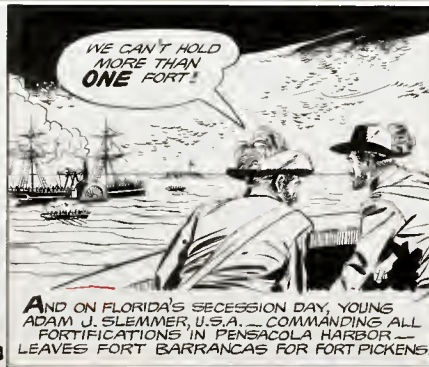


I AM ALONE HERE—I MUST SURRENDER UNDER PROTEST.

FLORIDA NEXT VOTES FOR SECESSION—ON JAN. 10! ALREADY ITS TROOPS HAVE BEEN SEIZING FEDERAL PROPERTY, SUCH AS OLD FORT MARION IN ST. AUGUSTINE.



WE CAN'T HOLD MORE THAN ONE FORT!



AND ON FLORIDA'S SECESSION DAY, YOUNG ADAM J. SLEMMER, U.S.A.—COMMANDING ALL FORTIFICATIONS IN PENSACOLA HARBOR—LEAVES FORT BARRANCAS FOR FORT PICKENS.

SOON SLEMMER'S GARRISON AT FORT PICKENS SEES THE STARS AND STRIPES LOWERED AT THE UNITED STATES NAVY YARD ACROSS PENSACOLA BAY....IN SURRENDER TO TROOPS OF FLORIDA AND ALABAMA.

**NEXT WEEK:
FORT TROUBLES!**



to: MARVIN HARPER from HIS FORT PICKENS SET

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WHEN GENERAL ROSECRANS ADVANCES TO OBLIGE CONFEDERATE CHATTANOOGA, ANOTHER FEDERAL ARMY, LED BY GEN. AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE CAPTURES KNOXVILLE. MANY UNION SYMPATHIZERS IN EASTERN TENNESSEE REJOICE.



AFTER EVACUATING CHATTANOOGA, GEN. BRAGG BRAGG TRIED TO DECEIVE ROSECRANS. HE DISPATCHED SOUTHERN SCOUTS, PRETENDING TO BE DESERTERS, TO SPREAD FALSE REPORTS.

BRAGG'S ARMY IS PLANNING FAST—IN DISORDER!



ALTHOUGH ROSECRANS' FORCES ARE THINLY REINFORCED HE ORDERS THEM FORWARD IN THREE DIFFERENT COLUMNS TO CUT OFF BRAGG'S RETREAT. NATIVES PURPORTEDLY MISLEAD THEM ABOUT ROADS.



BUT BRAGG IS ONLY AWAITING REINFORCEMENTS BEFORE MAKING A STRONG ATTACK. TROOPS RUSH TO HIM FROM MANY DIRECTIONS. THOUSANDS COME FROM VIRGINIA WITH GENERAL LONGSTREET BY RAILWAY.



TO DRIVE ROSECRANS' ARMY AWAY FROM ITS CHATTANOOGA BASE IS BRAGG'S AIM.

HE STARTS CROSSING CHICKAMAUGA CREEK, WHEN THEIR NAME MEANS TOWER OF DEATH... SEPT. 18, 1863.

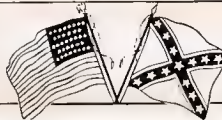


STAND FAST FOR OLD AND THOMAS!

FIERCE FIGHTING BEGINS NEXT MORNING IN DEARIE GEORGIA WOODS. SUCH OF THIS FIRST DAY'S BATTLE IS ON GEN. GEORGE H. THOMAS' FEDERAL FRONT.

DAY TWO: BATTLE CONTINUES!

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AS HUGE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN ARMIES STILL QUIETLY WAIT ORDERS NEAR THE POTOMAC IN EARLY 1862, SMALLER FORCES FIGHT IN KENTUCKY—AT MILL SPRINGS, ON JAN. 19.



RIDING CLOSE TO THE UNION LINES, GEN. FELIX K. ZOLLICOFFER IS KILLED. AND SOON THE HARD-FIGHTING CONFEDERATES ARE ROUTED....LEAVING SUPPLIES AND EVEN HAVERSACKS BEHIND.



THERE'S ALSO ACTION IN THE WEST, WHEN GEN. ULYSSES S. GRANT AND FLAG OFFICER ANDREW H. FOOTE TRY A JOINT ASSAULT UPON CONFEDERATE FORT HENRY ON THE TENNESSEE RIVER BY GUNBOATS....



....AND BY LAND FORCES LED BY GRANT. LEAVING TRANSPORTS A FEW MILES BELOW FORT HENRY, THE TROOPS ARE DELAYED BY MIRE.

OUR GUNBOATS
MAY GET THERE
FIRST!



A TREMENDOUS STORM BRINGS LUCK TO THE ADVANCING GUNBOATS! FLOATING BRANCHES OF FALLEN TREES SWEEP CONFEDERATE TORPEDOES CLEAR OF THEIR MOORINGS.



FORT HENRY SEEMS ABLAZE AS IT EXCHANGES VOLLEYS WITH THE GUNBOATS! BUT THE GALLANTLY DEFENDED FORT IS SURRENDERED—FEB. 6.

NEXT WEEK: "UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER!"

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TWO SWEET ARMIES FIGHT IN DENSE WOODS, THE CONFEDERATES BATTLING WITH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK AT THEIR BACKS, NEAR CHATTANOOGA. GENERAL BRASS'S SOUTHERN FORCE OUTNUMBERS ROSECRANS' FEDERALS.



THERE ARE MANY HEROES, AS BOTH SIDES STRIKE HARD! SEN NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST AND HIS CONFEDERATE CAVALRY FIGHT DISMOUNTED IN THE UNDERBUSH. THE FIRST DAY'S STRUGGLE ENDS IN A DRAW!



NEXT DAY... SOFT ED. ISSUES A MISUNDERSTOOD ORDER. RESULTS IN A GAP IN THE UNION LINE. AND GENERAL LONGSTREET HURLS HIS CONFEDERATES STRAIGHT THROUGH ROSECRANS' CENTER.



SOLDIERS IN GRAY AND BUTTERNUT BROWN SPREAD THEIR ASSAULT ONTO FLANK AND REAR OF THE SURPRISED FEDERALS.

ROSECRANS IS PUSHED BACK TO CHATTANOOGA.



YET SEN. GEORGE H. THOMAS MAKES STRONG COUNTERCHARGES AND HOLDS HIS UNION LINE AGAINST SWEEPING ONSLAUGHTS... BAPTIZING A PROUD NAME... 'ROCK OF CHICKAMAUGA'.



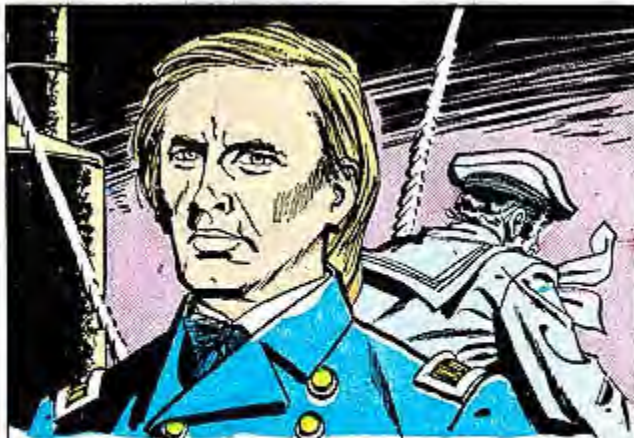
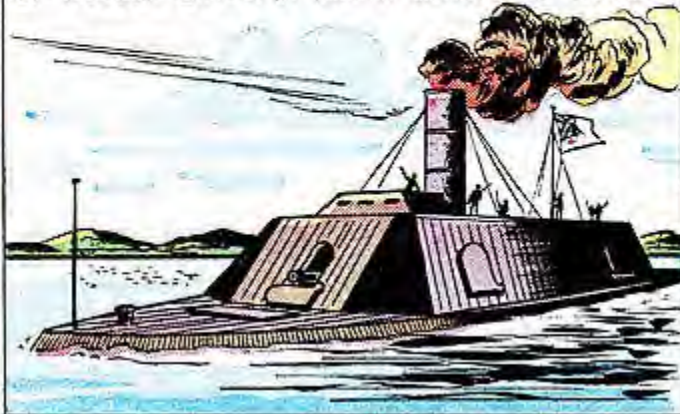
WHEN AMMUNITION IS GONE, THOMAS ORDERS BAYONNET ATTACKS. COVERING THE UNION ARMY'S RETREAT TO CHATTANOOGA WHERE IT WILL LONG BE BATTERED. IT IS A CONFEDERATE VICTORY, BUT COSTLY IN LIVES!

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AGAIN AND AGAIN THE UNION'S NORTH ATLANTIC BLOCKADING SQUADRON TRIES BUT FAILS TO DESTROY THE CONFEDERATES' POWERFUL IRONCLAD RAM *C.S.S. ALBEMARLE*—TERROR OF WOODEN SHIPS IN NORTH CAROLINA'S SOUNDS.



TO CAPTURE OR TORPEDO THE DREADED RAM IS THE HOPE OF YOUNG LIEUT. WILLIAM B. CUSHING AS HE LEADS A LITTLE RAIDING PARTY UP ROANOKE RIVER AT NIGHT—OCT. 27, 1864.

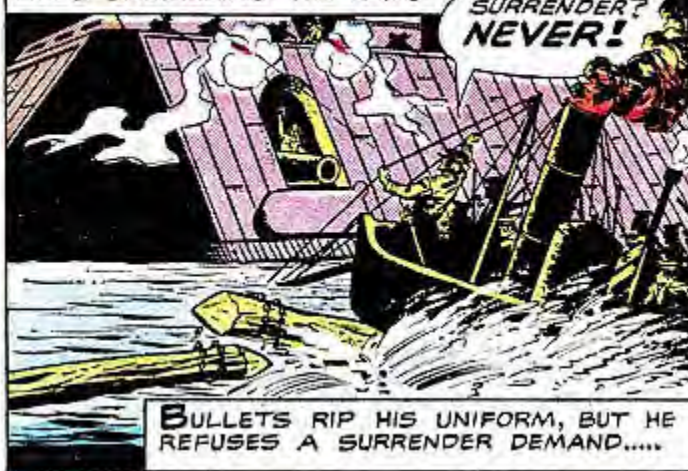


CUSHING EXPECTS TROUBLE FROM CONFEDERATES GUARDING THE WRECK OF THE UNION SHIP *SOUTHFIELD*. BUT HIS SMALL TORPEDO LAUNCH, TOWING A CUTTER, PASSES BY UNOBSERVED.



SOON CUSHING SEES THE HUGE *ALBEMARLE*, MOORED AT PLYMOUTH, N.C....AND SEVERAL THOUSAND CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS HOLD BOTH BANKS OF THE RIVER. THE IRON-CLAD'S MEN START FIRING THEIR MUSKETS!

THE CUTTER IS ORDERED BACK TO CAPTURE REAR GUARDS. THEN CUSHING STEAMS OVER CYPRESS LOGS ENCIRCLING THE RAM!



BULLETS RIP HIS UNIFORM, BUT HE REFUSES A SURRENDER DEMAND....



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....AND HE LOWERS HIS SPAR TORPEDO, MANIPULATING IT FOR AN UNDERSEA THRUST, AND SETS OFF AN EXPLOSION WHICH TEARS A GREAT HOLE IN THE MIGHTY IRONCLAD'S HULL. BUT CUSHING'S LITTLE LAUNCH IS SWAMPED!

NEXT WEEK: PERILOUS ESCAPE!

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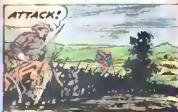
ALTHOUGH GEN JOHN B. HOOD FAILED TO HOLD ATLANTA, HE MAKES BOLD PLANS AS HIS CONFEDERATE ARMY CROSSES THE TENNESSEE RIVER. HE HOPES TO CAPTURE UNION-HOLD NASHVILLE!



GEN GEORGE H. ("PAP") THOMAS STRENGTHENS HIS DEFENSES IN THAT CITY. LACKING ENOUGH CAVALRY HORSES, HE REMOVES SOME FROM NASHVILLE'S STREETCARS.



THOMAS ORDERS GEN JOHN A. SCHOFIELD TO DELAY THE ADVANCE OF HOOD'S ARMY AND FORESET'S CAVALRY. THERE'S HARD SHIRMAVING... AND BY A FAST, QUIET ALL-NIGHT MARCH, SCHOFIELD ESCAPES A TRAIL.



ONE OF THE CONFEDERATES' BLOODIEST BATTLES IS FOUGHT NEAR FRANKLIN, TENN. - NOV. 30, 1864. HOOD'S ARMY DASHES FORWARD IN A MAGNIFICENT LINE, CHARGING GALLANTLY TOWARD SCHOFIELD'S ENTRENCHMENTS.



THE CONFEDERATES BRAVE HAND-TO-HAND CONFLICTS AS CONFEDERATES RUSH ACROSS THE PARADES... AND ARE FINALLY REPULSED WITH TREMENDOUS LOSSES.



FIVE SOUTHERN GENERALS DIE, AS THOUSANDS OF THEIR MEN ARE KILLED IN FURIOUS ASSAULTS. ABOUT 3 P.M. HOOD HALTS THE SLAUGHTER. SCHOFIELD MOVES ON TO HELP THOMAS DEFEND NASHVILLE.

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AFTER LOSING ABOUT 6,000 MEN IN A BITTER BATTLE NEAR FRANKLIN, TENN., GEN. JOHN B. HOOD'S WEARY CONFEDERATES PUSH ON TO NASHVILLE — A UNION STRONGHOLD FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS.



MANY WHO ARE WITHOUT SHOES BIND THEIR FEET IN HIDES AS THEY ENTRENCH IN A THIN LINE OF BATTLE AROUND NASHVILLE'S OUTSKIRTS, FACING FEDERAL FORTIFICATIONS, EARLY IN DECEMBER, 1864.



— BUT GEN. GEORGE H. ("PAF") THOMAS CANNOT STRIKE HOOD'S FORCES WHILE A SLEET STORM COVERS NASHVILLE WITH KS. HE CONTINUES TO PREPARE!

THEN THE ICE MELTS, AND "PAF" SENDS HIS TROOPS IN A SMASHING ASSAULT ALONG HOOD'S TRENCHES — DEC. 15.



BATTLING BRAVELY FOR TWO DAYS, THE CONFEDERATES ARE FINALLY OVERWHELMED!



THERE'S A GALLANT FIGHT THAT LAST NIGHT, WHEN SOME OF FORRESTER'S HORSEMEN PROTECT RETREATING INFANTRY BY FIRINGLY DEFENDING A ROAD BARRICADE AGAINST GEN. JAMES H. WILSON'S UNION TROOPERS.

"PAF" THOMAS REJOICES AFTER THE BATTLE OF NASHVILLE IS WON!



HOOD'S ARMY IS SHATTERED, AND HIS HOPE TO MARCH VICTORIOUSLY TO THE OHIO RIVER FAILS.

NEXT WEEK, CHRISTMAS, HE FIGHTS AGAIN!

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OLD FISHES AND
ALBANY RIVERS



AFTER THE CONFEDERATES' POWERFUL PORT FISHER FALLS, JAN. 15, 1865, THIS IMPORTANT SEAPORT WHICH IT GUARDED - WILMINGTON, N.C. - IS NO LONGER A HAVEN FOR SMUG, AG-SMUG BLOCKADE RUNNERS BRINGING SUPPLIES FROM ABROAD.



ON THE VERY NIGHT THAT THE PORT IS SURRENDERED, JOHN N. MAFFITT - ONE OF THE SOUTH'S MOST DARING BLOCKADE RUNNING CAPTAINS - TAKES HIS SHIP ONV OVER THE NEARBY BAR.



AND HE HURRIES TO BERLINIA, A STRATEGIC TRANSSHIPPING PORT FOR BLOCKADE RUNNERS. HE REACHES THERE IN TIME TO WARN FIVE OTHER CAPTAINS NOT TO SAIL FOR WILMINGTON!



AT NARRAGUSETT IN THE BARRIERS, 1,500,000 POUNDS OF BACON AWAIT TRANSPORTATION TO THE STARVING CONFEDERACY!



HEAVE TO - OR WE'LL SINK YOU!

BUT WHEN THEY HEAR THAT COAST, FOUR OF THESE VESSELS ARE CAPTURED BY FEDERAL SHIPS, AND THE OTHERS MANAGED TO ESCAPE BUT WITH CARGOES UNDELIVERED.



WHERE CAN WE SAIL?

JOHN WILKINSON IS ANOTHER FAMED BLOCKADE-RUNNING CAPTAIN WHO EARLY ESCAPES NORTH CAROLINA WATERS AFTER PORT FISHER'S FALL. DESPAIRINGLY, HE WATCHES SUPPLIES FOR USE PLUNGED DOWN AT NARRAGUSETT! **END** **THE** **PORT** **ON** **THE** **JAMES!**